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1. JANUARY 30 PRESS REPORTS THAT DURING REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN SPEECH JANUARY 29. PRESIDENT MARCOS TOLD AUDIENCE OF BARANGAY LEADERS THAT FILIPINO GROUP IN THE US HAD BEEN PRESSING US CONGRESS TO STOP AID TO PHILIPPINES ON THE GROUNDS THAT MARCOS "DOES NOT ENJOY THE PEOPLE'S USPPORT AND IS A DICTATOR." PRESIDENT SAID SAME ELEMENTS HAD BROUGHT SIMILAR CHARGES BEFORE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND THAT HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM SECY. GEN. WALDHEIM "ASKING FOR THE TRUTH." PRESIDENT ADDED THIS IS WHY HE HAD TO GO TO "THE TRUE LEGISLATIVE AND PARLIAMENT OF THE PEOPLE" TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT AND VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FEB 27 REFERENDUM. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. POLCOUNS ASKED AMBASSADOR MABILANGAN, ROMULO'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT, ABOUT STORY MABILANGAN CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE SEEN IT BUT SAID GOVERNMENT ROUTINELY RECEIVES INQUIRIES AND LETTERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION FROM ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

3. COMMENT: WE WERE NOT AWARE THAT WALDHEIM HAD SENT MARCOS LETTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION HERE AND WONDER WHETHER IT MIGHT BE SIMPLY PRO FORMA TRANSMITTAL OF PROTEST LETTERS, ETC. FROM GROUP SUCH AS AMNESTY. APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION USUN MIGHT HAVE ON PURPORTED WALDHEIM LETTER, INCLUDING COMPLETE TEXT, IF AVAILABLE. SULLIVAN UNQUOTE. BENNETT

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